

REMARKS

ELECTION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001 requiring election of claims because of restriction, Applicants elect Claims 1-3, 4-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18, 20, 22, and 23 of Group I.

CLAIM 20 REJECTION

In the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001, the Examiner rejected claim 20 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claim 20, taking the Examiner's comments into consideration, is amended. Support for the claim amendments can be found in Figs. 9 and 10 and description thereof on page 19, line 1 to page 21, line 18. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claim 20 as follows.

20. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A data processing device, comprising:

a storage unit storing input data, which requires authorization for use;

a processing unit in communication with the storage unit and programmed to produce generated data by applying processing to the input data, as linked in compound data in which the input data is linked to data from the processing, to produce differential data by comparing the generated data with the input data, [to produce generated data;] and [a saving unit storing process information indicating what kind of processing has been applied by said processing unit to the generated data, which includes the input data, as being processed, in the compound data] to store the differential data in the storage unit.

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